



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Parish Schedule

- Sept. 11 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
Fr. Joseph Borodach, Health & Blessings
- Sept. 12 (Sun) SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Ruth Seech req by James & Linda Clougherty
- Sept. 13 (Mon) VIGIL OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**
Divine Liturgy 7:00pm
+Ruth Ann Seech req by the Lindberg Family
- Sept. 14 (Tue) Parish Advisory Council Meeting 6:30pm**
- Sept. 18 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Charles Zeleznik req by family
- Sept. 19 (Sun) SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+John & Mary Yarosik req by Geraldine Yarosik

Our Tithe to our Parish - Sept. 5, 2021 - \$2,333.00

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week Sept. 12 thru Sept. 18 for all students returning to class.



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



Tillie Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

SHOE FUNDRAISER



The East Allegheny Marching Band kicked off a shoe fundraiser on August 28 running through October 27. They will be collecting gently used shoes (all season men, women and children) in an effort to not only help those in need but to also help their organization earn some much-needed cash coming off of a pandemic year.

Please go through those closets and see what you might be willing to part with. Gently used means no holes or tears; something you would give to a friend.

The band will only have 2 months to reach their goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes. Please help if you can. There will be a donation bin in the education wing. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Keleschenyi at kbishop25@hotmail.com.

9-11 WE WILL NEVER FORGET



A DAY OF FASTING

By tradition, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a day of strict fasting (no meat or dairy products). At this time, the fast is not obligatory, but it is highly recommended to keep some type of fasting on this day.

In our society where we have an overabundance of most everything, it is a good practice to keep days of fasting from time to time. This is not only a voluntary personal penance, but it also puts us into solidarity with those who have so little, many who do not have even the most basic necessities of food and water.

PARISH PIROHY PROJECT

As we prepare to resume our pirohy project it is important to share with everyone the protocol that must be followed by all in attendance.

If you are full vaccinated you will not need to wear a mask.

Social distancing will be in place with more tables arranged to maintain social distancing.

If you have not been fully vaccinated you must wear a mask and provide proof of negative testing within the past 24 hours.

These precautions may seem conservative, however considering the age of those offering their time and commitment to resuming our pirohy project, we must employ safe and healthy practices for all.

Thank you for complying with these instructions and we look forward to welcoming everyone back shortly.

Father John

THE HOLY CROSS

Joy to you, life-bearing Cross of the Lord,

Invincible triumph of the true faith.

You are the gate to Paradise,

the strength of the faithful,

and the stronghold of the Church.

Because of you, corruption no longer has meaning nor power.

By you we have been lifted up from earth to heaven.

You are an invincible weapon against evil,

a glory indeed for saints and martyrs,

and a haven for salvation.

You are the source of mercy to the world.



The sign of the cross made on the forehead is one of the oldest observances of the Christian Church.

St. Basil the Great (329-379) mentions it ... along with the custom of facing East when praying ... as one of the unwritten traditions that goes back to the apostles. It is quite possible that this tradition of the sign of the cross does in fact go back to the earliest stages of Christianity.

Originally, the sign of the cross was associated with baptism. Some early writers of the Church often use the sign of the cross to indicate baptism itself.

It also was used early on in the other sacraments/mysteries. In addition, Christians signed themselves before all the important activities of life. St. John Chrysostom speaks of this:

Everything is done by the Cross. Baptism is give by the cross ... the laying on of hands is done by the cross. Wherever we are, traveling or at home, the cross is a great good, a saving protection, and an impregnable shield against the devil .

Indeed, this ancient Christian symbol ... is a powerful form of protection ... that we can carry with us wherever we go ... and use it frequently ... to call upon the name of the Lord ... and to renew ourselves in our baptismal commitment.